

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Although this latter solution provides a guarantee against tampering of the container contents, it means that two separate independent operations have to be performed on the automatic container filling and closure line (in the case of bottles, the so-called bottling line), namely the application of the screw stopper with ring to the threaded mouth of the container and the subsequent application of the capsule to this stopper, the capsule then being made rigid by rolling or by heat shrinkage (depending on whether it is of metal or heat-shrinkable plastic material). The need to perform the two aforescribed operations one after the other evidently results in a considerable lengthening of the bottling time and a non-negligible increase in production costs. US-A-3 924 771 discloses a threaded closure-member, or stopper, which can be screwed on the threaded neck of a bottle. A cap wall, or skirt, made of shrinkable foil material, is then applied to the stopper and also to the adjacent bottle-neck portion, the stopper being already screwed to the bottle neck. Subsequently, by heating, the skirt shrinks, thereby adhering to the stopper and bottle neck. GB 718 226 A discloses a threaded metal cap, or stopper, to be also screwed on the threaded neck of a bottle before a skirt is fixed to the stopper by an adhesive. It should also be noted that to open a container provided with such a closure and security device, the capsule must firstly be removed. This is difficult, or even

impossible, if using the hands alone. Consequently an implement such as a knife has normally to be used.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The initially stated object is attained by the method according to claim 1 of the present invention, ~~comprising the following steps: connecting to a screw stopper, or to a stopper destined to become a screw stopper once applied to the container, a capsule-forming foil in such a manner as to provide the stopper with a skirt projecting by a determined portion from the free edge of the stopper, to obtain a stopper skirt combination; applying the stopper skirt combination to the mouth of the relative container; ... making the skirt rigid with the container by known capsule techniques, depending on the type of foil used, so as to obtain a stopper capsule--.~~